Knights Edge UVM Again 75-71

Tetreault Leads Knights to Sweet Win ; The UVM Cat Hurt

by Mike O'Brien

The University of Vermont suffered two losses last Monday evening at their Patrick Gymnasium. First their basketball team was defeated by the Purple Knights, 75-71, and second, their team mascot, "The Cat," had his tail bitten by a big red-headed, red-bearded creature that came out of nowhere.

Playing a sloppy brand of basketball for the first twenty minutes, the Purple found themselves on the short end of a 38-30 half-time score. Things changed little as the final half began, and with 12 minutes left the Knights were down by 13. It was here that the SMC hoopsters began to run and gun, and leave the Cats behind. A zone press was applied and Mike Balzano, Bob Toner and Bernie Stratford began stealing UVM passes and turned them into easy lay-ups.

With 6 minutes remaining, Coach Markey went along with his assistant, Walt Bauman's, brainstorm. Bauman's plan was for the Knights to go to Bob Tetreault, their 6'7" center. Because UVM's tallest man, 6'6" Mark Miller, had 4 fouls, Tetreault was able to hit at will. The big Moose canned six straight hoops, including a 3-point play which tied the score at 68-68 with 2:35 remaining.

Jim Gestwicki made a foul shot and Billy Pattison a layup to give the Purple a 71-68 lead. Vermont's Jim Ducey dropped in a foul shot to cut the deficit to 71-69. Pattison made another layup, Ducey a hoop and with a second left, the Knights' lead 73-71. Toner then threw a full court pass to Tetreault, who turned and fired the final two points of the game. The final score was 75-71.

The win ended a period of 5-year frustration in which the Purple were unable to topple the Catamounts twice in a season. It also gave them their 12th win of the year against 9 setbacks, and assured them of a winning season for the first time in three years.

The UVM "Cat" was last seen receiving first aid in an attempt to repair his wounded tail. The basketball team was last seen walking with their heads down toward the dressing room.

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Daignault Resigns

Senate Decides Not To Disband

The St. Michael's College Student Senate, which last week refused to officially acknowledge the Student Policy Committee voted Tuesday to stay in existence. The Senate, which has been visibly disturbed for several weeks by administrative actions, agreed that they have to remain an organized body or risk forfeiture of all college monies. Before the final decision, discussions were once again initiated on the Senate floor as to the purpose and value of their representative body.

The Senate's most recent troubles began in December when the Board of Trustees gave their assent to the policies of College President Bernard L. Boutin, during a dispute between administration and students over the Code of Conduct. Most recently, the Senate claims that the trustee-formed Student Policy Committee ignored their selections for student members and substituted their own choices, which several senators felt were not truly representative of students.

Senator John Angus introduced a test-motion that the Senate take a permanent recess, in order to spurn debate. Treasurer Bill Driscoll was quick to point out that such a move would put all of the Senate funds, along with their powers of allocation, into administration hands.

Charles Mansolillo, Senior Class President, defined the need for the Senate to stay in existence as a means of keeping a student voice active amidst the powerful Board of Trustees, and the Administration.

In a discussion of relative powers, it was pointed out that the new six-member student committee was recognized in writing, while the Student Association was merely taken for granted. Also they noted that the biggest job of the Senate seemed to be financial, and that the Senate mattered little in the workings of the Board of Trustees.

Association President Paul Fitzgerald reported that in an interview with President Bernard Boutin that day, he had been told that next year's Senate would be given a budget of $26,000 to work with. This does not necessarily mean more money from the college, but the turning over of more funds and budgets to the Association that have previously been handled by the Administration.

Fitzgerald also discussed his desire for the Senate to remain functional. He said that as S.A. President he would do all he could to insure success, even if that meant only to stay in existence as a voice of the students.

The resulting vote on the motion turned up only one negative vote. With this, the Senate agreed to remain active. A committee has been formed to discuss and determine the purpose and goals of the Senate at the request of Senator Chip Donne.

Another negative note was struck, however, when S.A. Vice President John Daignault announced his resignation from the Senate. He noted that after three years neither his hopes nor goals had even been approached, and that he had receded into a feeling of pessimism towards the Senate and its effectiveness. He hoped that someone could replace him who still held some hope for the progress of the Senate.

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In the regular business of the Senate that transpired before this discussion, the Financial Committee reported that a Spring Weekend might be possible if the Administration allowed the funds left over from WSSE, some $1,500, to be turned over to the Senate. Groups under consideration for the Weekend include Procol Harem and Sha Na Na.

The Welfare Committee chairman reported that dorm phones would not be able to be used for local calls because of a shortage of available lines, and also because of the fiasco that took place two years ago when such a service was in operation. It was reported that the college is still paying for calls to Rome and the Vatican.

Plans for an inter-house ski meet, to be held this Monday, are being hampered by houses failing to report entries. The athletic chairman reported that each house is entitled six entrants. All those interested should contact their athletic chairman or house

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Tuition Increase Reported

According to informed sources, tuition at St. Michael's College will be raised $150 for the next academic year 1971-2. This is the second tuition increase for the liberal arts college in two years, marking more than a 20% jump in total costs for each student.

Total cost had been raised $400 for the academic year 1970-71. This second "officially unannounced" increase must yet be approved by the College's Board of Trustees.

Also learned was an announcement by President Bernard L. Boutin that no salary increases will be given to Saint Michael's employees for the next academic year.

In addition to these points, this newspaper has been told that Saga Food Service has won the bid to provide cafeteria meals in the future. At the present time Saint Michael's College operates the cafeteria. The school bookstore, also run by the college, is reportedly going to be operated by a private corporation.

These announcements were made to all college department heads at a special Budget Committee meeting held on Wednesday, February 24.

Efforts to confirm these changes were rebuffed. Due to the absence of President Bernard L. Boutin from campus, acting President Edward J. Pfeifer was contacted. He refused comment. All administrative officials contacted refused any comment.

Engels Honors Dr. Murphy

St. Michael's College recognized one of its professors in a surprise presentation Tuesday evening.

Dr. Edward F. Murphy was honored by the first reading of what is to become the "Annual Spring Semester Honors Series of Readings." This first reading was by Prof. John Engels.

Dr. Murphy is completing his 24th year at SMC. He served as chairman of the English Department from the fall of 1960 to the end of the 1969 academic year. He holds A.B. and M.A. degrees from St. Michael's, an M.Ed. from the University of Vermont and a Ph.D. from the University of Ottawa. All three of his graduate degrees are magna cum laude.

Long active in Burlington and Winooski civic affairs, he is well known as a local speaker and has conducted courses in public speaking for clubs and unions in the Burlington area. He has been a chairman of the Rice High School board and was president of the New England region, Delta Epsilon Sigma.

He is married to the former Marie Reeves. They have six children.

"Michaelman" Reviewed

Gifford R. Hart, College Public Relations Director, repeated his presentation to the Student Policy Committee at the first formal meeting of the Publications Board. Remarks included an itemized list of criticisms of the campus newspaper by the former **Michaelman** moderator. Gregory T. Marquise, co-editor-in-chief of the **Michaelman**, countered Hart's statement in a point-by-point rebuttal.

Hart read a directive by the Student Policy Committee which stated:

"This committee recognizes serious organizational deficiencies in the operations of the campus publications of the **Quest**, the **Shield** and the **Michaelman**, with specific emphasis on the **Michaelman** and will report recommendations to the board of trustees."

"Resolved that Mr. Hart be directed to bring the attention of the Publicity Board to the evidence of bad journalism on the part of the **Michaelman** staff that he presented to this committee and that the Publicity Board take action thereon and=report to this committee on or before 20 days from date (February 15, 1971).

Marquise questioned the propriety of Mr. Hart's presentation to the Committee since members of the student publications were not invited to be present to offer their viewpoint. His rebuttal was cut short and is expected to be finished at the next meeting of the Publications Board on Monday.

At that time the Board is scheduled to further discuss the relationship between the college and the publication and also establish the future working relationships between the Publications Board and the **Michaelman**.

Against College

Mortiboys Files $ 1/4 Million Suit

An accident on the hockey rink of St. Michael's College three years ago has resulted in a $250,000 negligence suit filed in U.S. District Court in Burlington by Brian Mortiboys, '71.

Mortiboys, of Long Island, N.Y., has brought the action against the college through attorney Philip H. Hoff, three-time former Vermont governor.

In his complaint Mortiboys states that on Feb. 24, 1968, the college, through its employees, maintained a hockey rink adjacent to Building 800 on the St. Michael's premises. He charges that, due to a defect in the ice, he fell, sustaining fractures of the right leg and ankle.

Mortiboys further claims that he was left on the ice for an hour and one-half before he was removed from the scene by ambulance. He says his injuries were aggravated due to frostbite to the right foot, requiring amputation of a toe.

At the time of the accident, Mortiboys (6'6") was a "scholarship" basketball player on the Knights' freshman squad.

EDITORIALS

Lecture Series Committee

The excellent performance by Tom Noel this past week reminds us of the hard work put into a lecture series. Thanks are in order to members involved in that committee. They are: Dr. Vincent Naramore, Rev. Moses Anderson, Gene Rembisz and Charles Mansolillo.

In fact, all of the lectures presented at St. Michael's this year have proven informative, timely and educational.

Also, Mr. Noel remained an extra day to visit different classes and students involved reported it to be a most satisfactory experience.

We should also acknowledge at this time that the English department and the Political Science Club have secured several speakers this year of some importance.

We feel that these committees can only serve to enhance the academic atmosphere at this college – if, indeed, one does exist here.

"Guilty Until Proven Innocent"

The Student Policy Committee apparently has taken matters into their own hands. Last week they invited Mr. Gifford Hart to address that august body and he responded with a severe criticism of campus publications.

Of course emphasis was placed on the Michaelman, but the Shield and the Quest also suffered criticism.

As a result of this report the Student Policy Committee issued a directive sighting campus publications as having "serious organizational deficiencies" and recommendations would be made to the Board of Trustees.

Furthermore, the Michaelman was sighted for "evidence of bad journalism," a nebulous term, at best, and made without the editors of this paper ever given the chance to defend themselves.

We deplore such tactics. This (sic) judicious committee which claims to be (sic) representative of the college, has acted rather harshly on an issue without seeking out the "other side's" opinion.

Still, we do not find it entirely uncharacteristic of administrative policy this year.

"Inside Tidbits"

Good news from the Earl of Cafe: The silverware in the cafeteria will once again be cleaned during the spring vacation . . .

It's been reported that Reverend Ray Doherty, continuing his never-ending campaign to bring St. Michael's students back to the Sacraments will be offering the nationally advertised Ka-tel knitter at confession this week . . .

For the second consecutive week, the humble, little Tidbits *office has been maliciously firebombed by unknown assailants. We have to admit that it has been a bit of a hassle . . . if you could only drop us a line instead . . .*

Rumor has it that soft-spoken building superintendent Vern "The Hammer" Cross has recently announced that in an effort to end the frequent and annoying muggings taking place behind Nicolle Hall, he and his competent staff of workmen will tear the building down. (We think it's a great idea, Vern, and while you're at it . . .)

Sketchy reports have it that President Boutin became so totally involved at the UVM game last Monday night that on several occasions his uncontrollable enthusiasm caused him to rise with clenched fist and lead the crowd in a rousing chorus of "Oh UVM on Bended Knee,,, "

Chief Rotella, head of campus security, has proudly announced that tickets for the 4th annual St. Michael's College Security Patrol Ball will go on sale starting this weekend. He added that, as usual, a truly exciting evening will be planned with plenty of cold draft, good dancing, and lots of cowboy music, provided by "fast-picking" Nathan Hale and the Swingers, a local group. The chief assured us that great precaution has been taken to prevent a repeat of last year's shoot-out with the townies. . . .

Proceeds from the ball, to be held at the Fire Barn this year, will go toward the purchase of a much-needed police dog for the main campus; and tickets may be purchased from any of the campus law enforcement officers (just don't sneak up on them) . . .

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hats Off

To the Editor:

The Michaelman has been accused many times of not printing anything very charitable about anyone. Perhaps this is true, if it be so, then I am more guilty than most. Yet this time I am writing to say something with no trace of sarcasm. (It is not just to prove that I am capable of such a feat as some might contend.)

Several days ago, the "New" Saint Michael's Playhouse was nothing more than 418 chairs, a new dirty carpet, and a stage which was a disaster. Father Anderson mentioned that the theatre was to be used Tuesday night for Mr. Tom Noel's performance of Mark Twain at Home, and from that point on things began to move. In the space of one weekend the entire inside atmosphere of the theatre had been changed by volunteer help.

I would like to personally congratulate Chuck Toal, '71, and Dan Landry, '72 for the truly remarkable job they did in hanging the curtains. The job took over 25 hours.

Jim Dinoto, '72 and Steve LeBlanc, '74 did a fine paint job in the dressing rooms and backstage facilities. Sean Moran, '73, Charlie Sununu, '71 and John Coon, '74 also worked diligently to prepare many last minute details.

I think the most amazing fact of all though was the way in which Jack Carr, '71, set up lights, which were ready to be used for the Tuesday night performance. Jack did all this in less than five hours, with no electricity for three of those hours.

I think Mr. Noel said it best, when in thanking those who helped make his show possible, he remarked, "Mr. Rathgeb . . . you have a fine bunch of professionals here . . . you should be proud of them " I know he was, and as a matter of fact, so was I!

Tony Staffiery '71

Boy Reporter

To the Editor:

The Bill of Rights grants the freedom of the press. This would seem to be unfortunate mistake in light of the recent string of articles by Mr. Lawrence Young. When Mr. Young attacked me personally, I really didn't mind, (I had been immunized that week for mosquito bites) but when he continued to affront my taste week in and week out, I knew something had to be said or done.

I had hoped that someone would mention, berate or at least castigate, Mr. Young's lack of writing powers, but it appears that so many people have stopped reading his articles that no one cares anymore. His articles are something like the war in Vietnam, the bad things still go on, but no one seems to mind.

A column by Mr. Young is akin to Norman Vincent Mailer, having a nervous breakdown in print. I would stress the word nerve in the preceding sentence, for Mr. Young certainly has a great deal of nerve namely: in writing his column. (I use that word in its loosest form as does Mr. Young).

I would hope Mr. Young would take the following advice. First learn how to write, secondly, get yourself a good dictionary and Thesaurus, preferably in English, finally try being coherent, (maybe I should put that in the form of a dare). Okay Mr. Young, I defy you to be coherent! . . .

Tony Staffiery '71

Ski Team

To the Editor:

I believe it is very rare that a parent of a St. Michael's Student ever writes to the Michaelman. As an ardent reader of your paper I have followed its contents with interest for the past few years.

I would like to express my views for a few moments in regard to the Ski Team. At the meet at Pat's Peak, New Hampshire I was impressed with the crop of racers at St. Michael's. The enthusiasm and the dedication to the sport was something to behold. The work of ski coach Howie Munn is superb. As a former coach myself, I marveled at the response that this young man gets from his boys. If these boys could only get a more unified program at St. Michael's they would be hard to beat.

With a real effort St. Michael's could attract more promising racers of the future. Especially when the school is located in ski country.

These boys spend hundreds of dollars from their own pockets to personally own their skis, and all this is mostly done for the pride that they have for their college. I also am aware that the school finances the program, but with a little more effort and support St. Michael's could become a threat to many schools in the area.

Many thanks for your time and keep sending us the Michaelman. We enjoy it.

Mr. Bernard Caringe
Gloversville, N.Y.

Engels

We would like to apologize to Professor John Engels for printing his name in reference to our recent poetry contest. Engels had actually not selected any of the poems. We humbly regret this error.

Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge receiving a letter from three residents of Ryan Hall expressing their dissatisfaction with "The Backyard Buzzers" (snowmobile races) which disturbed a Sunday morning "sleep-in." The netter has been misplaced by us.

AT OTHER COLLEGES

At Boston College –

The first University Conduct Board hearing last week on the case of five students charged with disrupting a job interview on Dec. 2 ended in any angry walkout by the defense lawyres and their clients. One lawyer charged that the board "was self-contradictory and biased, constantly siding against the defendants." The students were charged with disrupting recruiters seeking applicants for civilian jobs with the Air Force.

At Notre Dame

In March, the boards of trustees of St. Mary's and Notre Dame will meet together to decide the future of the schools. While they have discussed this proposal before, the Notre Dame board says the move is "inevitable." Students are now insisting that the move should be "necessary" and "urgent."

At Middlebury College –

Unchecked books are a problem here too. The library committee is discussing plans to install three turnstiles as a result of a "serious increase in missing books." The cost of the turnstiles would be approximately $3,000.

At Bowdoin College –

The Boards of the college, which last year increased tuition by $400 recently approved another $300 hike in tuition, room and board. The tuition alone will be $2700 next year.

Mr. Roy Kennedy will judge a photography concept, which will be on exhibit in Alliot Hall, in March. Students must submit pictures by March 19, to Lyons 205, and they must be no smaller than 4" x 6".

Make sure to place your name and address on the back of your photo.

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Tom Noel

Mark Twain At Home

by Larry Young

If Samuel Clemens (pseudonym – Mark Twain) indeed saw life as a strange and comic affair (and who would contend otherwise?), then it is logical to assume that his humor required no surface help. Charles Neider has written that "he was graced by the power to enjoy the comic aspect of things for its own sake . . ." For those who saw Tom Noel perform here Tuesday night, little would seem much clearer, and they would be right.

Noel's performance rated excellence on more than one score. The easy drawl and the thoughtful pauses which brought Twain, himself, success as a lecturer and humorist, were not lost in Noel's performance. The audience was immediately warmed to Twain's humorous sketches that Noel presented so professionally. Among the better sketches Noel portrayed were "Punch, Brothers, Punch," "My First Lie, and How I Got Out of It," "Old Times on the Mississippi," and others.

Possibly Noel's frequent use of the piano bothered people closely associated with the "Mark Twain and No Hogwash Society" (which, incidentally, actually existed at one time). To be sure, Twain's humor is enough to sustain interest but Noel just may have enhanced the monologue by use of a musical interlude. (It should also be noted here that Twain actually did compose the lines set to the music of "Battle Hymn of the Republic.)

As it is an era when Ragtime music is being degraded as 'trash,' Noel plays a tune for the audience, portraying some feeling. At the end he admits; "It must be low grade music cause it delights and warms me so." The satire here and in areas of Christianity and politics was so well delivered that the audience gave Mr. Noel a standing ovation at the conclusion.

Whether Mr. Noel is, indeed, as good as the much-publicized Hal Holbrook, is something few people here could judge. The audience's reaction to Noel's performance, however, suggested a deep appreciation for his artistic interpretation of Mark Twain.

Where Have All The Library Books Gone?

by Bernard Balsis

In the past and present there has been a growing loss in library materials. It seems as though many students take out material and never return it until June. Others simply leave them in their rooms.

To hopefully combat this problem the Director of the library, Joseph Popecki and Dean Sutton have initiated a "Moratorium Day" scheduled tentatively on a monthly basis. On this day, students will be able to drop off any library materials at their proctor's or rector's room, with NO questions asked. Books may also be returned at the library on that date with no hassle.

Popecki pointed out the simplicity of this venture and noted the financial savings could be substantial for some students.

The first Moratorium Day will be Tuesday, March 2. If at all successful, the days will continue throughout the semester on the first Tuesday of every month.

"Room Service" Cast Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rathgeb recently announced the cast list for their spring production at Saint Michael's. This year the Rathgebs have decided to produce an extremely humorous farce namely: Room Service. Written in 1936 by John Murray and Allan Boretz, this show was first produced on Broadway in 1937. The show opened to rave reviews and was quickly made into a movie the following year. The movie version starred the Marx Brothers.

After three days of extremely intense and fruitful tryouts the lead was captured by Danny Landry '72. Sasha Smirnoff a temporarily unemployed Russian actor will be played by Greg McCarthy '72. Joseph Gribble a somewhat foolish hotel manager will be played by Sean Moran '73. John Coon '74 will play Harry Binion. Charlie Sununu '71 will play the somewhat gruff Faker Englund. The part of the attractive secretary, Christine Marlowe was given to Joanne Nesti '73. Hilda Manney, "the love struck" secretary will be played by Mary Margaret Skears '73. Both Miss Skears and Miss Nesti are students at Trinity.

Leo Davis, the young Romantic Author will be portrayed by Bruce Fisher '72. The part of the boistrous district manager was captured by Bob Conlon '72. Steve LeBlanc, a freshman will play Simon Jenkins. The agent of the "we never sleep collection agency" will be played by another freshman, Paul Campbell. Nick Durso '72 will play the part of the farsical doctor. Tony Staffiery '71 will play the bigmouth southern Senator. Bill Mannle '74 and John Romeo '74 will play the house detective and bank messenger respectively.

The show itself takes place in a hotel room, and centers around the problems of trying to pay the large bill in the hotel, while trying to produce a show, with no money.

The show will open March 30th and run till April 3rd. Tickets will be distributed free of charge the preceeding week from 11:30 till 1:00 and from 4:30 till 6:00 in the ticket booth in the front of Alliot Hall. Tickets will also be distributed the ~~sma~~ week from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. every day from the ticket window located in the front of the "new" playhouse on the North Campus.

Perspectives

The Unliberal Art of Reform

by Dave O'Leary

In The New Industrial State, John Kenneth Galbraith wrote, "It is the vanity of educators that they shape the educational system to their preferred image. They may not be without influence, but the decisive force is the economic system." Academic liturgy may solemnly claim to help each student develop his mind as fully as possible, but that is merely rhetoric, to be reserved for school catalogues and fund-raising dinners. In reality, the American university is becoming an efficient ( )

organ of the corporate state – producing or in most cases polishing off for easy adjustment, the non-thinkers who ingeniously leave the university as ignorant as they entered it.

There are of course the exceptions. The Liberal Arts College where students are introduced to ideas, where "why" is more often heard than "how", where answers are less to be expected than the perennial questions are to be asked.

Here, philosophy will be read, spoken, and contemplated, not because "it rounds a guy out" like, say, the Boy Scouts, but rather because it is a vehicle for man, to learn more about himself and the universe. Similarly, theology, science, history, literature and the arts are explored. A perspective is gained of civilization, albeit fragile, which if nothing else, accomplishes one task – stimulating the student to know more. "Education," Daniel Bourstin has written, "is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know." A liberal education when successful accomplishes just this. The student realizes the enormous potential of the mind and is determined to enjoy its rational operation even after commencement. In other words, he continues his education. He doesn't stop thinking.

This, of course, is unacceptable to the corporate state college graduates if they are to fit conveniently into a mold which has been created for them. The Armed Services, the corporation, The System, cannot function with masses who behave like individuals. Imagine the disastrous possibilities! Junior executives, refusing to work that extra hour for mother corporation because a good book is waiting at home. It just wouldn't be efficient.

So what happens? Well, as Mr. Galbraith suggests, the universities respond. "Reforms" are introduced. Heralded as progressive and imaginative innovations, the changes are nonetheles couched in the familiar rhetoric of old, so as to placate those who might wish to cherish the illusion of a liberal arts college. Philosophy, theology and the humanities are relegated a marginal role in the students' education. He is encouraged instead to specialize – to circumscribe his curiosity, to narrow his perspective.

Such "reforms" effectively undermine the very purpose of a liberal education. Instead of fostering the virtues of intellectual humility and curiosity, the reform program implicitly encourages the intellectual arrogance of those who cannot recognize the importance of disciplines, other than their own. The student is shackled and more often than not does not realize it. He graduates unaware of his ignorance. (Remember Boorstin's definition of education.)Conditioned to accept a specialized role within the university, he will be content to accept the s~~ma~~e role outside as well. Adjustmen will be easy. A niche will be filled. The corporate state will continue to operate efficiently.

The reader should now accept my apology for a rather extensive introduction. But please direct your attention to the cirriculum changes scheduled to go into effect as of Sept. 1, 1971. Under the new St. Michael's plan, students will be required to complete six credits of philosophy, theology, natural science, social science and humanities studies. (H.S. is a grab bag of courses ranging from American literature to modern painting.) Between 15 and 20 credits would be required for a major. This would be the extent of the required courses. The student is thus given considerable freedom to choose his electives, thereby shaping a relatively personal curriculum. Proponents of revision stressed the importance of liberating the student from a too narrowly structured program. Philosophy, theology and the humanities should no longer hold pre-eminence. The student, having freedom of choice, would naturally choose the best courses, as well as the more competent teachers. So say the reformers.

Now, it is crucial to an understanding of the reformer's position that we recognize the significance of attributing such rights as "freedom of choice" to students in the first year of college. By doing so, one is making some important assumptions: namely that the student is actually free, open to stimulation, and eager to know. I would suggest that anyone believing in these assumptions is pathologically innocent. Shallow optimism, no matter how ingenuous, is rather dangerous when one is faced with the reality of contemporary civilization. For primary and secondary education in this country conditions the student to unquestioningly accept the institutions and values of the corporate state. The student is educated to answer, not question, adapt, not rebel, consume, not contemplate. If successfully trained, the high school graduate is no more intellectually independent than Pavlov's dog. It is precisely this type of student who arrives at the American University.

What, then, should the American university do? Essentially it has two choices. First, the conventional approach, that being to delegate the terrible responsibility of freedom to those who are, in fact, intellectually enslaved. In other words do nothing, or even worse, "reform" the curriculum. Second, what I call (borrowing a phrase from Erich Fromm) the humanistic radical approach, i.e. to accept the unique challenge of creating a program that aims to open the human mind to those enduring questions and ideas so hygienically removed from institutional print, debate and educate. If you believe the latter approach is the more desirable educational alternative, then examine the former St. Michael's plan. Students were required to take philosophy, theology and the humanities for two academic years. The History and Ideas of Western Civilization were presented for the student's inquiry. Questions were asked – the important ones – a perspective was achieved, granted, only a sketch, but one that provided the basis for further intellectual growth. These disciplines, if taught with the imagination and enthusiasm they deserved, and unfortunately they often were not, accomplished their purpose – liberating the mind of the student.

But now we have "reformed" ourselves. Students will choose their courses, as the taste of the moment dictates. What will they choose? Is it presumptuous to assume that twelve years of mis-education might lead one to find something more useful or "relevant" than the humanities, philosophy or theology. I think not. The student will choose the more attractive alternatives – the more familiar – he will specialize. The system will be served.

St. Michael's College had the opportunity to be unique – to stand as a noble alternative to the diploma factories we have now so stupidly emulated. More importantly, it has abandoned a generation of students who have often demonstrated a visceral discontentment with the contemporary society and are desperately reaching out for alternative means to shape their existence. The liberal arts could have provided the needed intellectual framework, from which one could question the conventional inhuman values and institutions of the corporate state. The conditioning process of moronization can be transcended!

But now we have "reform" – and what a very unliberal art it is.

Winter Weekend: $5,000 Lost ; Is Another Weekend Worth It?

by Tom Albert

Despite a $5,000 loss on Winter Weekend, the Student Senate still has money. Rumors of a "broke" Senate went out the window when Bill Driscoll, Senate Treasurer, issued a financial report this week. "New found" funds raise speculation that the Senate may attempt another social weekend in April.

In reference to the Spring function, Driscoll said that along with the $3,600 in funds available for Senate use, he was given permission to seek the nearly $1,800 from the campus radio station WSSE, which terminated for the remainder of the current academic year. This new sum, totalling almost $5,500, could be applied toward sponsoring a group, etc., for a weekend sometime in April. And, it was learned that since the Quest, the college's literary magazine, is in the process of publication, the additional money originally thought to be allotted from the publication to the weekend will remain with the Quest.

Driscoll further stated that if he could secure the radio station's funds, there will be a "75 – 25 percent chance of a Spring Weekend of some sort." With the approval of President Boutin and Father Anderson, which Driscoll feels almost assured of, a group would be hired to perform; but as yet there is no indication as to which group it would be.

Winter Weekend revenue amounted to $5,246, while expenditures totalled $10,391. The original allotment of $11,600 to the Senate has not decreased to $3,664. Driscoll did point out that last year at this time only $897 was available for Senate use.

The library is initiating a "Moratorium Day" to allow students and faculty members to return overdue or unchecked books on a no-questions asked basis. The first opportunity is Tuesday, March 2.

"A" League

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final decision and was only able to get off 32 shots. Stork told me he had to take all these shots, because his roomie "Cedric" Reed was held to 4 points by Gerbs Hendricks, 4'11' Lamba midget who played him man to man in their box and one defense. Gerbs led the losers in scoring with 19 and Leo Rasfatim added 15.

Senate To Continue

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Work on the Student Center was reported as proceeding slowly, with volunteers always welcome. A snag developed when the Crown and Sword Society refused to take over as "janitors" and keep the center open on a more steady basis. However, Rev. Moses B. Anderson still hopes to establish a snack bar in the basement with regular help employed.

Finally, Treasurer Bill Driscoll noted that any money in the Senate budget not spent by April 30 would be absorbed by the Administration. He reiterated his hope that the Senate would be able to procure the money from WSSE and plan for a Spring Weekend. A financial report was also distributed to the senators.

THE BLARNEY LINE

by Mike O'Brien

"Bye Bye Billy"

On Wednesday night, the SMC basketball team will host St. Lawrence University of Canton, N.Y. in the final game of the 1970-71 season. The improved Knights will be out to avenge a loss suffered at the hands of the New York team last year. For the Knights' Captain Billy Brooks, it will be the last time ever he will wear a St. Michael's uniform.

Brooks has gone through a very frustrating and painful year. A victim of a serious back injury, the hoop captain will undergo major surgery on June 7, a week after his graduation day. This operation hopefully will put an end to the discomfort Billy has experienced throughout the past year.

Despite being unable to play, Billy's dream of "leaving St. Michael's a winner" has come true. As a starting guard on the last two editions of Purple Knight basketball teams, the Bennington "city slicker" has tasted the bitterness of continual defeat. The objectives of being the leader of a winning team and defeating UVM twice, which Billy set for himself and the team, are now a reality.

Sitting on the bench is a role that Brooks was very unaccustomed to, but did so because he realized his injury prevented him from helping the team on the floor. Underneath his game uniform is a steel brace which is strapped tightly to his back and worn both on and off the court. Sometimes just walking up and down a staircase can be painful. With all these discomforts, Bill has practiced daily with the team, and dressed for nearly every game. His dedication to the game has been an asset to the younger members of the teem, and has left a tremendous impression on his coaching staff and classmates.

Wednesday night, my little Leprechaun friend has told me that the SMC students will show their appreciation for a fine ballplayer . . . Billy Brooks. He deserves it!

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I was very disappointed in the actions taken by the SMC Hockey Team over the weekend. The pucksters, competing in a Club Hockey New England tournament in Concord, N.H., dressed three men who were not students of St. Michael's nor members of the club hockey team. These so-called "ringers," who formerly played for us while students here, prevented those who had practiced all year long from playing.

It is my understanding that the club felt justified in their actions because they received no financial support from the athletic department. I feel this to be a null and void reason because NO club sport receives any financial assistance from St. Michael's. A club makes their money by working together during the off-season, and also getting a percentage from the Club Sports Council, which gets money from students' keep at the beginning of the year.

Club hockey has been by far the most successful sport up here in the last couple of years. This year they've run into difficulties over at UVM, as well as here on campus. I'd hate to see a good team with a group of good athletes, become so obsessed with winning that they have to use "bush league" or "below the belt" means in order to accomplish success.

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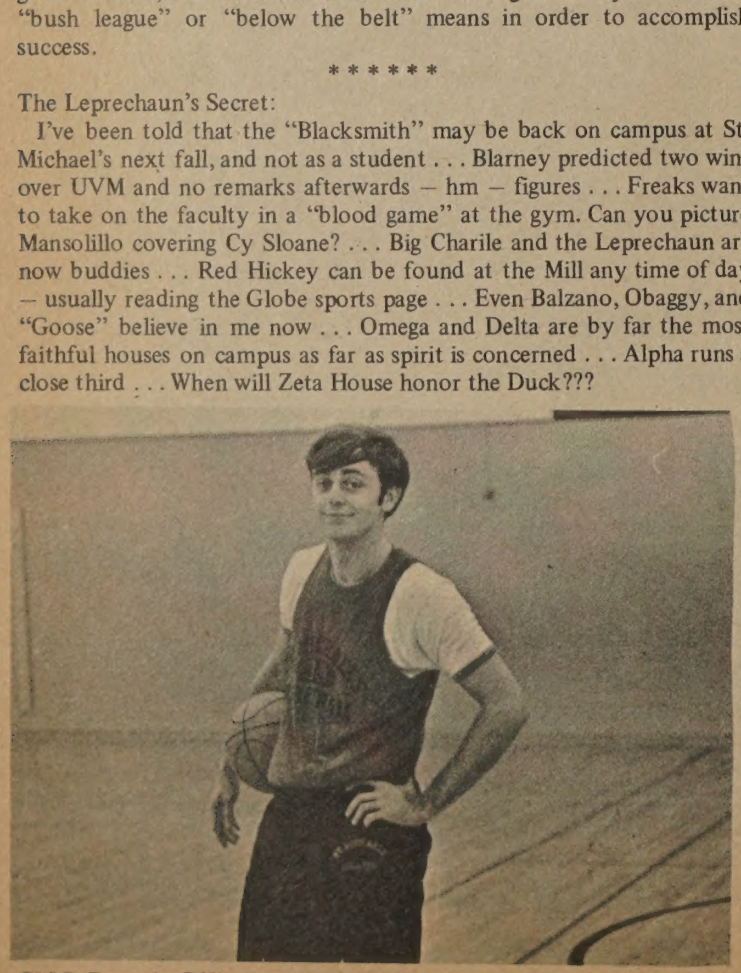
The Leprechaun's Secret:

I've been told that the "Blacksmith" may be back on campus at St. Michael's next fall, and not as a student . . . Blarney predicted two wins over UVM and no remarks afterwards – hm – figures . . . Freaks want to take on the faculty in a "blood game" at the gym. Can you picture Mansolillo covering Cy Sloane? . . . Big Charile and the Leprechaun are now buddies . . . Red Hickey can be found at the Mill any time of day – usually reading the Globe sports page . . . Even Balzano, Obaggy, and "Goose" believe in me now . . . Omega and Delta are by far the most faithful houses on campus as far as spirit is concerned . . . Alpha runs a close third . . . When will Zeta House honor the Duck???



SMC Captain Billy Brooks –he leaves us a Winner

No. 1 Assumption Bumps Hoopers

Assumption College again lived up to its expectations as the nation's top college basketball team by overpowering the Purple Knights of St. Michael's 121-93. The blitzing, fast-breaking Greyhounds were just too much for the Knights to handle as Assumption had five players scoring in double figures. Senior foreward Serge DeBari was the Hound's leading scorer, hitting for 27 points, Dan Small had 24, Jake Jones 16, Bob Bourque 13, and Neal Burgess had 12. Dan Small and Mike Boylan were Assumption's top rebounders with 10 each. The Hounds shot 52 of 110 from the floor for 47%, and connected on 17 of 25 free throws for 68%. Out-rebounding the Knights 32-21 in the first half, Assumption surged into a 61-41 halftime lead, a lead which was never relinquished.

Assumption's tenacious defense employing switching zones, stymied the Knights' shooting attack as they could only manage to hit on 32 of 83 from the floor for 39% while connecting on 29 of 35 from the stripe for 81%. Assumption starting with a 2-1-2 zone eventually utilized the 1-3-1 and the 2-3 as the game wore on, and virtually handcuffed Laffin, Toner and Pattison.

Bobby Tetreault, in his finest effort of the season, poured in 36 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, hitting on 14 of 20 from the floor and 8 of 10 from the foul line. Tetrault received a standing ovation from the crowd of approximately 2,000 when he fouled out of the game with about 8 minutes left. In a post-game interview with Tom Cheek, Assumption's Atheletic Director Andy Laska said that "it was a fine tribute to young Tetreault, who played an outstanding game".

Jim Gestwicki also looked sharp for the Knights with 14 points, six for seven from the line and four of ten from the floor. Laffin and Toner contributed 9 and 6 points respectively, to the Knights' scoring effort.

Delta Wins Despite 22 by Former C.C.I. Star

In recent house basketball wars Delta won its sixth straight with 63-59 squeake over stubborn rival Sigma. Sigma, behind by as much as 13 in the second half, stormed back behind the scoring and rebounding of "Pistachio" Perry, the former Cos Cob Italian League great. Perry scored his season's high of 22 on eleven field goals. Perry was devasting, as he "jobed" all the Delta players assigned to guard him including "Spoolie" Fagan and "Meats" Spunetti. Perry throwing them in from half-court, over his shoulders and behind his back, helped Sigma to tie the game at 57 all. Minetti, then canned both ends of a one in one situation and Fagan added two more to make it 61-57. "Texas" Sullivan, going one on one with "Doc" Compa, scored on a 20-footer to bring Sigma with 2. At this point, Delta missed a shot and "Seagull" Brennan came down with the bound, but had it knocked out of bounds by a Delta player. Although Delta had knocked the ball out of bounds and fouled Brennan at the same time, "Mendy" Horron awarded the ball to Delta, thus killing Sigma's chances of winning! High scores for Delta were Minetti with 14 and Fagan with 11. John Perry added 13 for the losers. "Clarence" Duffy should be commended for his outstanding defensive job as he shutout the brumonster!

Delta won a big one from Nu House 105-54 behind the scoring of "Jumping" Jerry Jet, "Speeding" Joe Golonka, "Lefty" Dan Owens and "Run the Lamb" Maltese who combined for 93 points. I talked to Lamb after the game, he told me the reason they played so well is because they all read Coach Bernie Stratford's book "Insight on Jump Shooting" and assistant coach Bill Pattison's best seller "The Art of Defense" both books are edited by Mr. James Case, noted philosopher and big game hunter! The defensive plan, designed to stop "Dean the Dream" Padock, was taken from Chapter Eleventeen, and proved successful as Dean was held to 11. Dom Durante led the losers in scoring with 15. Coach Adolph O'Connor told me he is giving away free copies of these truely great literary masterpieces at his next clinic. For those of you who can't read with a Jersey accent or New York drawl, these will soon be out in English and Italian after Mike Balzono translates them.

Coach O'Connor's North Campus Party Pooper's, remained undefeated as they danced on Lambda 79-48. Brothers "Lefty" and "Golden Boy" Missewitz led Alpha in scoring with 25 and 16. "Stork" Horton, despite the pressures of Crown and Sword interviews was able to score 10. Stork was under unbelievable strain as he awaited the society's

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Hockey Team Bows Twice

The Saint Michael's Club Hockey Team traveled this past weekend to Concord, N.H. to compete in the Nathanial Hawthorne Invitational Tournament at the Everett Arena in Concord. The icemen dropped two games during their stay in Concord.

The first game was fittingly played against the sponsors of the tournament, Nathanial Hawthorne. The Knights lost a 11-1 decision in a game marred by several fights. The lone score for SMC was tallied by the team captain, Frank Salvucci, during the second period.

For the second game of the tournament St. Michael's drew Bentley College, which hails from Boston, Mass. The first period saw Bentley jump on the Knights for 7 goals, with the 2nd period ending 7-2. During the second period SMC fought back to a 7-7 tie, but with 14 seconds left in the period, Bentley ripped the nets to leave the ice with an 8-7 lead.

The third period of this game saw Bentley finish off SMC with 4 goals. The final was Bentley 12, SMC 7. Scoring during the second game had Michaud with the hat trick, Bonneau had 2, Salvucci 1 and Hinman 1. Even though it was a 12-7 loss for the Knights, they outshot Bentley 60-39.

The next game for the icemen will be at home against Nathanial Hawthorne, the date to be announced later.

Freaks Dominate Again

At the outset of the season, it appeared that S.F.M.B., averaging over 6 ft. per man would be a heavy contender. However, in the past two weeks a drastic change has taken place. Behind the torrid shooting of Capt. Bob Kenney (24) and Terry Curtin (16), Big Brown literally ran the Bay boys off the court. Determined to make a better showing this week, S.F.M.B. decided to cut down on their social life, and concentrate on basketball. As a matter of fact, the tri-captains of Mel Bay were spotted in the Mill only twice, and a mere four times in the Redwood. Remarkable!

Despite their zealous observation of training rules, Mell Bay again faltered. The Dodge boys, powered by Willie Mangan's shooting (14), and rebounding made Mel Bay an easy prey. Averaging 15% from the floor, Gene Rembisz deserves much of the credit for his team's remarkable record. Last week Rembisz tossed up 26 shots and connected on 4. What an amazing ballplayer! Actually, its not as bad as it sounds, for many of his shots came quite close to hitting the backboard.

Meanwhile the Freaks continued in their winning ways. Unable to run away from Shakeys, they settled for a 49-40 victory. Sweenman and Hefty Tefty chipped in 17 and 13, while Spot controlled the boards. Perhaps the turning point was the three fast breaks led by Tyneman and Pisane. An ample cheering section was provided by Bernie, Michelle, Chuck, and Nance.

Last week they were in a laugher, as they crushed Big Brown, 68-28. Without the services of Capt. Kenney, Big Brown was helpless before the big guns of the freaks. A well balanced attack was led by Sweeny (23), Tefty (16) and Spaffard (10). Tyne, Smiling Jack, and Big Frank pounded both the offensive and defensive boards, while Mack's ball handling controlled the game. Gen. Mgr. Coach Mansollilo was all smiles during the game as he frequently queried Bernie about the score.

In other action, Delta II downed Shakeys 50-28. Boy reporter threw in 11 for Shakeys but it was not enough. Leb Abdoo led a well balanced Delta "attack" with 10 points and a mean headlock.

B-league babblings:

Big Jake is the new sparkplug for Mel Bay.

Bernie must've given a great pre-game speech, 'cause the Freaks were certainly up during their last game.

Commissioner Hickey still thinks it could be a heavy season.

Bay reporter was stuffed by a leprechaun last week.

Wanna make it two kegs, Rembisz?

Independent standings

Freaks	4-0
Delta II	3-1
Big Brown	2-2
Dodge Boys	2-2
Mel Bay	1-2
Shakeys	0-4

Independent scoring leaders (based on 3 or more games).

Sweeny (Freaks)	15.2
Curtin (Big Brown)	12.3
Teft (Freaks)	11.7
Rembisz (Mel Bay)	10.7
Ziomek (Dodge boys)	10

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